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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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[http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w$.startup)

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Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

THERE ARE NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK AT THIS TIME

There are two weeks left in the 2007 Legislative Session, which is scheduled to adjourn April 27, 2007. There are many bills passing back and forth between the two houses with amendments being rejected by both. When amendments are rejected, either conference committees or free conference committees are appointed. There is often little, if any advanced announcement on when conference committees meet. The best way to find out about conference committee meetings is to listen to the floor sessions immediately prior to recess or adjournment for the day.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(S) Committee Report Bill Concurred	4/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Hearing	4/13
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	(S) Committee Report Bill Concurred as Amended	4/11
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Transmitted to Governor	3/28
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	(H) Signed by Governor	4/10
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	(H) Signed by Governor	4/05
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	(H) Signed by Governor	4/10
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(H) Sent to Enrolling	4/12
HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive Nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(H) Returned from Enrolling	4/11
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Sent to Enrolling	4/12
HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	4/03
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	(H) Returned w/Governor's Proposed Amendments	4/11
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(H) Returned from Enrolling	4/10
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal	3/29
HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	(H) Returned from Enrolling	4/10
HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Chapter Number Assigned	3/30
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Tabled in Committee (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks	4/04
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency intervention act	2006-20	Jim Shockley	(H) Committee Report Bill Concurred	4/03
SB 155	Older Montanan's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	(H) Hearing	4/03
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments	3/31
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	(S) Returned from Enrolling	4/04
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	(S) Signed by Governor	4/10
SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/11
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments	4/04